

Attorney Docket No. 1064.25

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: David Eric Appleford et al.
Inter. App. No. PCT/GB03/02485
Inter. Filing Date: June 10, 2003
For: PRESSURE PROTECTION SYSTEM

Attn: DO/US

December 13, 2004

Mail Stop: PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

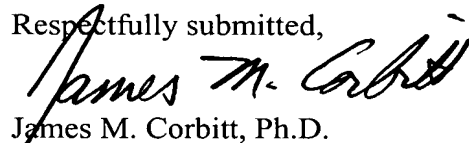
The patents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A were cited in the International Search Report of corresponding International Application No. PCT/GB03/02485, a copy of which is enclosed.

These items are cited herein because they were cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application. The Examiner is invited to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item.

It is requested that these references be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and MPEP § 609.

Copies of the foreign patent documents are also enclosed. Applicants are not providing copies of the cited U.S. patents as the U.S. Patent Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i) for submitting copies of cited U.S. patents for all national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. We will provide copies of these patents upon request.

Respectfully submitted,


James M. Corbitt, Ph.D.

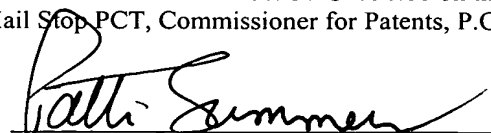
Reg. No. 52,768

021176

Summa & Allan, P.A.
11610 N. Community House Road, Suite 200
Charlotte, North Carolina 28277-2162
Telephone: 704-945-6700
Facsimile: 704-945-6735
S:\FIRM DOCS\1064\25\IDS_121304.DOC

Express Mail Label No.: ER 757584949 US
Date of Deposit: December 13, 2004

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Patti Summers

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

Application Number	PCT/GB03/02485
Filing Date	June 10, 2003
First Named Inventor	David Eric Appleford et al.
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	1064.25

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ *Number ⁴ *Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	4	EP 1 139 007 A1	10-04-2001	Innovative Engineered		
	5	EP 0 611 219 B1	05-12-1999	COMPAP SA		
	6	FR 2 557 643 A1	07-05-1985	Institut Francais du Petrole		

Date
Considered

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: **Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.